



A History of Antisemitism Fall 2019

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An analysis of articulated hatred toward Jews as a historical force. After treating precursors in the pagan world of antiquity and in classical Christian doctrine, the course will focus on the modern phenomenon crystallizing in 19th-century Europe and reaching its lethal extreme in Nazi ideology, propaganda, and policy. Expressions in the U.S. and in the Arab world, as well as Jewish reactions to antisemitism, will also be studied.

Course Outline

1. **Wednesday 23rd October: Antisemitism – the oldest hatred**

Gavin Langmuir, *Toward a Definition of Antisemitism*. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1990)pp. 311-352.

Peter Schäfer, *Judaeophobia: Attitudes Toward the Jews in the Ancient World*. Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1997, pp. 34-64, 197-211.

2. **Monday 28th October: Jews as Christ Killers – the deepest accusation**

New Testament (any translation): Matthew 23; 26:57-27:54; John 5:37-40, 8:37-47

John Chrysostom, *Discourses Against Judaizing Christians*, Homily 1 at:

www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/chrysostom-jews6.html

Marcel Simon, *Verus Israel*. Oxford: Littman Library, 1986, pp. 179-233.

3. **Wednesday 30th October: The Crusades: The First Massacre of the Jews**

Soloman bar Samson: The Crusaders in Mainz, May 27, 1096 at:
www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/1096jews-mainz.html

Robert Chazan, “Anti-Jewish violence of 1096 – Perpetrators and dynamics” in Anna Sapir Abulafia *Religious Violence between Christians and Jews* (Palgrave, 2002)

Daniel Lasker, "The Impact of the Crusades on the Jewish-Christian debate" *Jewish History* 13, 2 (1999) 23-26

4. **Monday 4th November: Jews and the Devil: the beginnings of Ritual Murder**

Langmuir, Gavin, *Toward a Definition of Antisemitism*. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1990) pp. 209-236 and 263-298

Alan Dundes, "The Ritual Murder or Blood Libel Legend: A Study of Anti-Semitic Victimization through projective inversion," Alan Dundes (ed.) *The Blood Libel Legend: A Casebook in Antisemitic Folklore* (Wisconsin, 1991).

5. **Wednesday 6th November: Simon of Trent and Martin Luther**

A short written test on Ritual Murder (10% of final grade)

Martin Luther, selections from "On the Jews and Their Lies," at:

<http://www.humanitas-international.org/showcase/chronography/documents/luther-jews.htm>

Simon of Trent texts

6. **Monday 11th November: Jews with pointed hats and long noses: The History of Jews in Visual Representations**

Sara Lipton, *Images of Intolerance: The Representation of Jews and Judaism in the Bible moralisée* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999) pp. 14-29.

Robert Bonfil, "The Devil and the Jews in the Christian consciousness of the Middle Ages," in Shmuel Almog (ed.) *Antisemitism through the Ages* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1980) 91-98.

7. **Wednesday 13th November: The Change from Anti-Judaism to Antisemitism : Our Modern World**

The Jew in the Modern World, Dohm 28-36, Michaelis 42-44, French National Assembly, 114-8; Berr 118-21, Napoleon, 123-26, Jewish Notables, 128-33,

Jacob Katz, *From Prejudice to Destruction*. pp. 13-47; 119-38, 147-74.

Arthur Hertzberg, *The French Enlightenment and the Jews: The Origins of Modern Anti-Semitism* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1990) pp. 138-87, 248-267.

8. **Monday 18th November: Nationalism and its Resulting Xenophobia**

The Jew in the Modern World, Voltaire 304-8.

Dohm, Michaelis, Abbe Gregoire, Bauer, Marx from *The Jew in the Modern World*, pp. 27-34, 36-38, 262-68.

Eisenmenger and Voltaire, in Levy, *Antisemitism in the Modern World: An Anthology of Texts* pp. 31-46.

Jacob Katz, *From Prejudice to Destruction*. pp. 51-104, 175-220.

10. **Wednesday 20th November: The Eastern Flavor: Russian and Polish Antisemitism**

Jew in the Modern World: Beilis Trial, 412-13.

Antisemitism in the Modern World 113-44.

Robert Wistrich *Anti-semitism: The Longest Hatred* (London, 1982) Chs 12-14

Jan Gross, *Fear: Antisemitism in Poland after Auschwitz: An Essay in Historical Interpretation* (New Haven: Princeton University Press, 2006)

11. **Monday 25th November: REVISION FOR MIDTERM**

12. **Wednesday 27th November: MIDTERM** (this exam will consist of short primary sources that you will be expected to analyze).

13. **Monday 2nd December: The French Version: Antisemitism in France**

Levy, *Antisemitism in the Modern World: An Anthology of Texts* pp. 104-12, 224-34

Jacob Katz, *From Prejudice to Destruction*. pp107-118, 292-300

Stephen Wilson, *Ideology and Experience: Antisemitism in France at the Time of the Dreyfus Affair*. Rutherford: NJ: Fairleigh Dickenson University Press, 1982, pp, 655-93.

Michael R. Marrus “Popular Anti-Semitism,” in Norman Kleeblatt (ed.) *The Dreyfus Affair: Art, Truth, and Justice* (Berkeley, 1987) 50-61.

Pierre Birnbaum, *The Anti-Semitic Moment: A Tour of France in 1898*. Hill and Wang, 2003.

14. **Wednesday 4th December: Hitler and Nazism**

Jew in the Modern World Hitler, Nazi Laws, 636-39, 645-49

Levy, *Antisemitism in the Modern World: An Anthology of Texts* , pp. 97-103,

Mein Kampf . The whole work is available to read on the internet

http://www.hitler.org/writings/Mein_Kampf/

Jacob Katz, *From Prejudice to Destruction*. pp245-291.

Jacob Katz, “Was the Holocaust Predictable?” *Commentary* 59 (May 1975), 41- 48

15. **Monday 9th December: Antisemitism in America**

Leonard Dinnerstein, *Anti-Semitism in America*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1994, pp. 58-77, 128-49.

Max Wallace, *The American Axis, : Henry Ford, Charles Lindbergh and the Rise of the Third Reich*. New York: St. Martin’s Press, 2003, pp. 37-70, 217-38.

16. **Wednesday 11th December: The Islamic Version: A History of Antisemitism in the Arab World**

<http://www.memri.org/antisemitism.html>

(Read through at least two of the documents)

Bernard Lewis, *Semites and Antisemites* New York: W. W. Norton, 1986 pp. 11-24, 81-116, 164-191.

Jonathan Frankel "Ritual murder" in the modern era; the Damascus affair of 1840' *Jewish Social Studies* 3,2 (1997) 1-16 1997.

17. Monday 16th December: The Self-Hating Jew

Otto Weininger, *Sex and Character : An Investigation of Fundamental Principles*, Translated by Ladislaus Löb, edited by Daniel Steuer and Laura Marcus (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2005) .

Sander L. Gilman, *Jewish Self-Hatred : Anti-Semitism and the Hidden Language of the Jews* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1986):

18. Wednesday 18th December: Conclusions: Antisemitism Now: Same Old or Something New?

1965 *Nostra Aetate* from Vatican II to be read on the internet at http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_decl_19651028_nostra-aetate_en.html

1998 document "We Remember: A Reflection on the Holocaust." http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/chrstuni/documents/rc_pc_chrstuni_doc_16031998_shoah_en.html

- a) www.Jewwatch.com
- b) Institute for Historical Review: Holocaust Denial <http://www.ihr.org/index.html>
- c) http://en.metapedia.org/wiki/Main_Page
- d) www.stormfront.org
- e) Anti Defamation League fighting anti-semitism at www.adl.org

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MY COURSES

1. I expect you to attend all lectures. I do not take always take a class register but I have a good visual memory and know if you come/don't come to class.

2. Make every effort to come on time. In fact, come early and then you'll be *sure* you're on time. It's very distracting to have students wandering into class late.

3. I like to meet everyone in my courses. If I haven't already met you, please introduce yourself.

Requirements for the Course:

1. Regular Attendance and Participation in lectures (10% of final grade)
2. Short written test in session five (10% of final grade)
3. MIDTERM (30% of final grade).
4. final paper, which must be completed by all students (50% of final grade).

This final paper (10–12 pages) will analyze a primary text or an issue of dispute among historians, the topic to be chosen by the student from a list to be distributed or in consultation with the instructor.